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Permit Applications Available for McGrath Area Predator Control Program

Permit applications for taking wolves under the wolf control program in Unit 19D East near McGrath are available from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices throughout the state.

Those interested in obtaining a permit can drop by any Fish and Game office to pick up a permit application, or call and request a copy by fax, email, or postal mail.

Permit applications will be sent to ADF&G Headquarters in Juneau for consideration. Criteria used to select successful applicants will include knowledge of local geography and experience in low-level flying. Successful applicants will be notified within one week after applying and will be required to pick up their permit at the McGrath ADF&G office. Permits will be valid for a 30-day period.

Permits for Unit 19D East will allow members of the public to take wolves while airborne, or to spot wolves from the air and land before shooting. Department staff expect to issue up to three permits initially. Additional permits will be issued if necessary to attain program goals.

This wolf control program is part of a long management plan to help rebuild depleted moose populations near McGrath. The people from the McGrath area are highly dependent on moose meat to feed their families and have asked the Alaska Board of Game and ADF&G every year since 1994 for help in restoring their moose harvest. Residents need 130-150 moose per year for food. Annual harvests in the area have averaged 60-90 for the past decade.

Current snow conditions are not adequate to conduct this type of wolf control program; however, applications for permits are being made available now so that the program can proceed when snow conditions improve.

More information about the management program to restore the McGrath area moose harvest is available on the ADF&G website at www.adfg.state.ak.us under the news and issues section.

Questions about this program should be directed to Cathie Harms at the ADF&G Fairbanks Regional Office at (907) 459-7231.